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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING	í	
A DEPTH OF HOLES IN COMPOSITE-MATERIAL	í	
WORKPIECES BEING MACHINED BY AN	í	
ORBITING CUTTING TOOL	ì	

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A concise statement of any non-English document having an English abstract is contained in such abstract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Sweden Patent SE A 9003587-4 discloses that the invention is a procedure, when boring/milling a hole in a workpiece resting on a base, to facilitate calibrating the boring/milling machine (1) used to create the hole to the intended penetration depth and at the same time make it possible to detect tool breakages. Unique to the procedure, according to the invention, is that an electrically conducting part of the workpiece, or of the base contact surface with the workpiece, is arranged as part of an open electrical circuit (6) with a power source (7) and an electrical signaling device (8). The boring/milling machine will, during the ongoing operation to create the hole, be included as part of the electrical circuit (6) to complete the same while also sending an electrical control signal from the signaling device (8) to a control unit for the boring/milling machine (1). The control unit uses the control signal as a reference point to set boring/milling penetration depth and/or detect tool breakages that have occurred or holes that were created improperly.

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